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GENEVA FOR US DEL TO LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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SUBJ: FRG WORKING PAPER ON REMOTE SENSING PRINCIPLES

REF: (A) STATE 105125; (B) USUN 1792

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY MADE APPROACH REQUESTED IN
REF A. FRG FOREIGN OFFICE WILL TELEPHONE GERMAN
DELEGATION TO OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE (LSC) IN
GENEVA ASAP TO OBTAIN FULL REPORT OF EVENTS AND TO
INSTRUCT THEM TO CONTACT USDEL. END SUMMARY.

2. REF A RECEIVED MAY 3. ON MAY 4, EMBASSY SCIENCE
COUNSELOR CALLED ON DR. ROUGET, CHIEF FRG FOREIGN
OFFICE SECTION FOR ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AFFAIRS.
EMBOFF DREW ON REF A TO EXPRESS SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT
PERFUNCTORY AND INADEQUATE CONSULTATIONS WITH USG
ABOUT GERMAN WORKING PAPER AND GAVE ROUGET A "NON-
PAPER" WITH PRIMARY POINTS OF US CONCERN (PARA 5,
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REF A) AND HIGHLIGHTS OF US VIEWPOINT.

3. ROUGET PROFESSED SURPRISE AT THIS PROTEST. HE INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT USG HAD BEEN CONSULTED FULLY AND THAT USG HAD NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH GERMAN WORKING PAPER. HE HAD REQUESTED THESE ASSURANCES BEFORE APPROVING RELEASE OF GERMAN PAPER TO UN SECRETARIAT FOR REPRODUCTION. HE NOTED THAT HE, HIMSELF, HAS HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE FINANCIAL AND BUREAUCRATIC IMPLICATIONS OF FRG PROPOSALS (COMPARE PARA 5 D, REF A).

4. ROUGET WAS UNABLE TO EXPLAIN HOW THIS MISUNDERSTANDING HAD OCCURRED. HE PROMISED TO TELEPHONE SCHOLTYSEK, THE FRG FONOFF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GERMAN DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO GET FULL REPORT AND TO INSTRUCT HIM TO CONTACT US DEL ASAP.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT:

IN THIS CASE, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT) AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAVE NOT BEEN SATISFACTORY. DR. PATTERMANN HAS BEEN DETAILED FROM THE BMFT TO WASHINGTON AND HIS COMMUNICATIONS WITH MINISTERIALRAT KNOERICH (NOTE SPELLING AND NEW TITLE -- "MINISTRY COUNSELOR") MAY BYPASS FONOFF IN SOME CASES. AS IN OTHER ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE FONOFF WILL BE MORE SENSITIVE TO US VIEWS THAN THE BMFT. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE THAT THE BMFT UNDER MINISTER MATTHOEFER WILL TEND TO REFLECT CONCERN FOR THE "RIGHTS" OF THE LDC'S -- AS EVIDENT IN GERMAN WORKING PAPER. PLEASE NOTE: IN OUR PRESENTATION, WE DID NOT USE THE ARGUMENT THAT FRG IS DEPENDENT ON THE US SPACE SEGMENT OPERATION (PARA 3, REF A). ALTHOUGH TRUE, THIS WOULD BE UNPALATABLE AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE HERE. EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST IN BRINGING US VIEWS TO THE ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE FRG AUTHORITIES SHOULD SIMILAR PROBLEMS ARISE IN FUTURE.

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